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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following priority foreign application(s) in the following foreign country is hereby requested, and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed.

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In support of this claim, enclosed is a certified copy(ies) of said foreign application(s). Said prior foreign application(s) is referred to in the oath or declaration and/or the Application Data Sheet. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy(ies) is requested.

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